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COUNTRY Austria REPORTTOPIC Soviet Troops in Ebreichsdorf, Laxenburg and Allentsteig

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. On 16 February 1955, mainly civilians, among them men, women and children who included Russian-speaking persons, a major wearing black-bordered black epaulets who was accompanied by his wife and a child, were observed at the former Bezirks-Altersheim (district home for aged people) at 25 Wiener Strasse in Ebreichsdorf (P 48/X 46). No sentry or motor traffic was observed. The antenna which was anchored with conically arranged wires was observed as previously. Soldiers were only occasionally observed walking between the castle and this site. It was believed that the former Bezirks-Altersheim (district home for aged people) was now used mainly to accommodate Soviet civilians. A lieutenant colonel wearing black-bordered black epaulets, 2 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets, van-like motor vehicle and truck were observed at Ebreichsdorf Castle; the castle was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets. An estimated 40 motor vehicles which included 18 trucks, 12 van-like motor vehicles, and a full-track vehicle were parked in the area of the castle. Two signal trucks were parked under the long-wire antenna west of the castle where an officer apparently instructed 8 soldiers. 1

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2. On 16 February 1955, 2 lieutenant colonels and 4 majors, all wearing black-bordered red epaulets, 2 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and a captain wearing red-bordered green epaulets were observed at Laxenburg Castle (P 49/X 47). The castle was guarded by a sentry who wore black-bordered red epaulets. An estimated 100 motor vehicles which included 60 trucks, 15 van-like motor vehicles and 4 jeeps were parked in the castle park and about 15 soldiers worked on these motor vehicles. The motor-vehicle arrangement showed gaps compared with the observation dating from 18 January 1955. Motor vehicles observed at the castle included sedan and with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, truck and jeeps and sedan all with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets. Motor traffic was mainly was mainly directed to Moedling (O 49/X 37) and Vienna via Wiener Neudorf (P 49 X 37). 1

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3. On 15 February 1955, trucks all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, passed through Allentsteig (O 49/R 53) toward the troop training grounds. Officers observed in the area of the town included 3 lieutenant colonels and 3 majors,

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all of whom wore black-bordered red epaulets, 2 lieutenant colonels wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, and 3 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Sedan [] and jeep [] with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets were parked in front of the komendatura. Motor vehicles observed in Allentsteig included truck [] and van-like motor vehicle [] with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets and trucks [] with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. all of them bearing a vertical line stroke [] driving-school truck [] bus [] van-like motor vehicle [] and jeep [] with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets; and jeeps [] with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. 2

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1. [] Comment. The reports from Ebreichsdorf and Laxenburg confirm previous information. []

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2. [] Comment. The report from Allentsteig tends to indicate that the Doellersheim troop training grounds is still used for winter exercises. The motor-vehicle [] mentioned in the present report belong to a wide variety of units and stations such as the 13th Gds Mecz Div in Vienna and Kagan, the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in St.Poelten, and also the 23d AAA Div in Stockerau and Korneuburg. It is still undetermined which components of these units are located there.

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